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## Washington Gets Uneasy As Socialists Fight For Peace

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Official Washington is discussing, very uneasily, the announcement by the Socialist National Executive Committee that it will send a delegation to the White House to ask President Wilson to convene a mediation conference of neutral nations, as provided in Rep. Meyer London's resolution. At the office of the Chief Executive, and across the way in the office of the Secretary of State, the latest move by the Socialists has disturbed the placid routine. Evidently the Socialists will not be suppressed in their demands that the United States government try to bring peace to Europe.

Rep. London of New York, who started all the trouble by introducing in the House on the first day of the session a resolution for mediation, was in New York to report to mass meetings of his constituents, when the news of the action at party headquarters reached the capital. It was known, however, that he had suggested to the Socialist National Executive Committee that the whole machinery of the party be brought into play in behalf of the peace movement. So the administration, and the Secretary of State, the latest move by the Socialists has disturbed the placid routine. Evidently the Socialists will not be suppressed in their demands that the United States government try to bring peace to Europe.

### Administration Officials Depressed.

The names of Eugene V. Debs, four times the nominee of his party for President; Morris Hillquit, international secretary of the party for the United States, and James H. Maurer, member of the Pennsylvania legislature and president of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, have impressed the administration officials. These names spell a mandate from the wage-earners of the country. You have the most self-satisfied Democratic politicians can afford to overlook it.

What the Socialist organization of the United States is saying to President Wilson, in sending this delegation to Washington, is construed here to be something after this fashion:

We want you to know now that the working class of the United States is opposed to the whole militarist program. We want you to know that you cannot command the working class vote in 1916 unless you make a definite move to unite the peace forces of the world to stop the slaughter in Europe. You can stop the war if you set about doing it. The working class in every country in Europe will sympathize with and will aid your efforts toward peace. You have the biggest opportunity that has come to any American in half a century.

But if you refuse to act now, the working class in this country and in every other country in the civilized world will hold you responsible for America's failure to act. Hundreds of thousands of lives will be sacrificed because of your failure. Through the campaign of this year the Socialists of the United States will point to your record, and by this record you and your party will be judged among the millions of the wage-workers.

### Must Break Web of Red Tape.

"We come in person, and quietly, to ask you to take now the first step toward peace. We ask you to break the web of red tape in which secret diplomacy has tied the neutral governments. If you do not act, we shall take the issue to the American people, and you and your majority in Congress will hear from us."

That is the sort of challenge that the Wilson administration and its State Department would avoid. But the Socialists have so dramatized their protest, by sending three of their biggest men to call at the White House, that the administration must smile and pretend that they are willing to discuss the question.

State Department officials are watching with equal interest the forthcoming attempt of the American Socialists to get similar agitation started in the neutral countries abroad. Socialists are strong enough in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Holland and Spain, as well as in Switzerland, to bring the London resolution to the attention of the governments of all of those nations. Old-fashioned diplomacy has not succeeded in getting any serious proposal of mediation from these governments since the first few months of the war. If the American Socialists secure the co-operation of the Socialists of neutral Europe in their plan, then the beginning of the end of the struggle will be in sight.

Rep. London, now in New York City, will receive the Socialist national delegation when it comes to Washington.

AWAIT WHITE HOUSE DECISION.  
By Lucien Saint.

WASHINGTON, — Will President Woodrow Wilson receive Eugene V. Debs, Morris Hillquit and James H. Maurer who, with Representative Meyer London of New York, have asked for a conference for the purpose of securing support for the idea of a conference of neutral nations to discuss terms of peace? Secretary to the President Tumulty has by this time received the requests of these men for an appointment, but as yet he has not made known his decision.

Meyer London is working day and night for his resolution. He wants to see the war stopped, but he wants, strange as it may seem, more than that. He wants to see secret diplomacy ended, for he believes that that is worse than war because it starts wars at the behest of a small oligarchy—whether German, Austrian, British, French or American. He believes with millions of other working people that the time has come for the people to declare themselves on policies of state. He wants to get the people into the habit of formulating their own diplomacy. His resolution is a first step toward that end.

For these reasons London is going straight to the man who holds more power in his hands than any one man in the country—Woodrow Wilson. If Wilson says the word, Congress will pass the resolution without debate.

## "PROTECTING" AMERICA By LINCOLN PHIFER.

It is clear that the program for "preparedness" is to be jammed thru.

If the people will not stand for it in any other way, it is now plain from the note to Austria that a war will be provoked to make it go thru.

But the people will stand for it. As a revival of business will not be permitted on any other basis, the workers with jobs in munition plants will favor it.

The farmers who are selling their products at high prices because of war and possible war will favor preparation for war—always in the name of peace.

The small dealers who will be permitted to pick up the crumbs from the rich man's table will cringe and shout for preparedness louder than anybody.

They fix the price of preparedness, now, at half a billion dollars. Before we get thru with it, it will run to ten billions. There will be both a high tariff and bond issues.

Democrats are not bold enough to meet the demands of the exploiters. Therefore republicans are coming into power. The people will vote to go the limit.

It will cost America more to prepare against Europe than it will cost all Europe to prepare against America, because this country has more open sea coast than all Europe.

It will cost America more to prepare against Europe than it will cost all Europe to prepare, because this country has more land borders unprotected by mountains than all Europe has.

It will cost America more to prepare against Europe than it will cost all Europe to prepare, because they we trust with preparation are traitors and scoundrels.

In view of these facts it is no wonder that President Wilson hints at revolution for Canada and a Pan Americanism that will unite offensively and defensively against Europe.

Unless Canada does rebel against England, a possible war would leave this country subject to invasion at a hundred places, wholly apart from forts and battleships along our coasts.

Unless all America unites against Europe, it would be an easy matter for either the German allies or the English allies to conquer America country by country.

If all America does unite, then it will mean a contest such as was never before had, extending perhaps thru half a century, and in the end either America or Europe will be wrecked.

There can be no stopping in the work of preparation, because everything done will provoke counter preparation and that in turn will mean further preparation by this country.

There can be no stoppage in the work of preparation, because when it does stop, so much will be tied up in munition works that it will mean a panic such as the world never witnessed.

And it must be remembered that the very fellows who are doing the work have been paid for preparation in the past that consisted of rotten armor plate, canned worms and shells that would not explode.

They are the sort of scoundrels that will repeat their swindle and laugh at the threat to the country and the lives of workers that may be sacrificed because of their treachery, and all the time they will howl for patriotism.

No difference, therefore, how much we spend for preparation, with these swindlers in charge of the work, there will be no preparation. Europe will spend a fourth as much and get better results than we do.

Beside, our preparation becomes a threat against Europe. The monarchs of those countries, being responsible to no one, and never changing their policies, will be ready to attack us while we are crossing some river or an election.

Then there will come a demand for a military dictator to take charge of this country and save us in at emergency. Preparation for war therefore means war and also means a practical overthrow of our institutions.

The dissensions in congress over details of preparation will be used as an argument, when the crisis comes, for setting aside congress for a military commission, and the commission will come without consulting the people about it.

The world has degenerated more in the past two years than it advanced in the past fifty. Ten years more of the same progress towards barbarism, and there will be no one who can be trusted while anyone who protests will be silenced by force.

Ten years of similar retrogression, and murder and rape and loot will be taken as matters of course. Ten years of similar retrogression at home, and the masters will openly admit that they live by robbery and murder and dare you to object.

Ten years more of the same retrogression that has come, not to Europe, but in America, and not one in five will be able to read and write, while the rich will return to the barbaric

## WILL IT BE ALL, MR. WILSON?

YOU ARE ASKING congress to appropriate half a billion dollars for preparation for war under the hypocritical pretense of getting ready for peace, Mr. Wilson?

Will you tell the American people how much of that has already been expended—with-out authorization from congress?

Will you guarantee, Mr. Wilson, that, if half a billion is expended for the purpose named, it will be all?

Will you insure that Europe will not take alarm from our action and meet our preparation with greater preparation against us?

Will you give bond that Europe's preparation will not call for still greater preparation on our part? Can you tell where the expenditure will stop?

And will you, Mr. Wilson, put the plutocrats under bond, forfeiture of which will be immediate hanging, to not provoke a war in case we prepare for peace?

Will you, as a student of history, inform the people that the creation of a military government such as you recommend will not mean the overthrow of the republic? Will you declare that no republics have been overthrown in the past under similar conditions?

What will be the end of this thing you undertake, Mr. Wilson? Will you go down in history as the cause of the overthrow of American institutions?

## Murder-Training In Our Schools

WM. F. KRUSE.

display and sudden debauchery that characterized the last days of old Rome.

This is what "preparation" means. It is only a symptom. It is hypocritical in its claims. It does not mean protection for anyone or anything but those robbers and murderers who shall be able to subdue the other robbers and murderers. We face the end of the world. The downfall of civilization is at hand.

And the churchmen and editors and politicians who are forcing this issue are guilty of the blood of millions. They are turning the world to destruction and they themselves shall be destroyed. They are lighting fires that shall burn all that they hold dear.

This is the price we pay for retaining the infamous profit system. They are turning the world to destruction and they themselves shall be destroyed. They are lighting fires that shall burn all that they hold dear.

This is the crisis confronting the world in some of its aspects. Next week I shall consider other aspects of the crisis. It is as feasible and scientific to forecast such things as it would be to forecast the fall of the leaves or the coming of the flowers.

The picture seems black. Yet there is a brightness to it, too. In spite of all that I have said I believe the full emancipation of the world is very near. Yet we shall not escape our reaping. Belgium has reaped for the horrors of the Congo, Serbia for the slaughter of her former rulers and the enslavement of her workers, and England for the starvation of India. Evil is being cut down. After it falls then good shall grow.

## Would We All Do It?

By JOHN M. WORK.

SPEAKING of the capitalists who constantly oppose every improvement in the condition of the working class, we frequently hear it said, "If you were in their place, you would do the same thing."

Of course, even if this were true, it would be no argument whatsoever against Socialism. If true, there is set as the chance of advancement in the working class in permitting itself to be exploited out of most of its earnings by the capitalist class.

BUT IT IS NOT TRUE. The average Socialist has developed beyond that stage.

There are plenty of us who have deliberately side-stepped the opportunity to get rich, in order to work for our ideals. There are plenty of us who right now have ample opportunities to get rich, but who prefer to spend a fourth as much in working for the cause, instead of doing the things which it would be necessary for us to do in order to get rich.

Then, the host, who have not had these exceptional opportunities have nevertheless as a rule robbed them of the chance of advancement, in order to work for the cause. By toadying to the boss, they could have secured higher wages and better positions.

They have deliberately brushed these things aside and chosen to be true to themselves and their principles.

They have chosen to work for their ideals and take the consequences.

IT IS therefore utterly false to say of them that if they were capitalists they would oppose the emancipation of the working class.

The truth is that if the average Socialist were to become a capitalist, he would pour out his money freely for the purpose of converting the people to Socialism. Of course he would take the unearned income on his money, so long as the capitalist system lasts. What else could he do?

But he would use the money for a good purpose.

He would use it in for the purpose of bringing about Socialism.

The Socialists of Salonika, Greece, are in revolt. The Allies' occupancy of their country without invitation does not seem to suit the Socialists there. But while they constitute a larger part of the population, they are unable to do much more than protest, as the government troops on guard at that point are loyalists.

good, kind masters will attend to that for us. We should be truly grateful. And second, there will be a great increase along the lines of manly and attractive behavior like that of the products of West Point. Really that ought to be irresistible. Behold our pride and joy, the West Pointers, Uncle Sam's petted and pampered darlings, professional butchery directors in war, and snobbish, caste-worshipping mannikins in time of peace. I wonder if they are held in mind when people sing "I didn't raise my boy to be a soldier."

Finally, there is an attempt to quiet our opposition with the reference to Switzerland and Australia, and their experiences. There is some difference in their case and ours. Australia has a labor government, and a degree of social progress and liberty infinitely greater than ours. When a workman there speaks of "My Country" there is a literal meaning to his words. And, little Switzerland, home of the universal peace, has, on all sides, has, to a considerable extent, the same justification. Not only that, but the Swiss system, as originally worked out, is hardly objectionable from the workers' viewpoint. It was democratic, and in a very real sense military service was universal, and not confined to thirteen per cent of the children. Finally, the rifle and ammunition to be used in time of war (and in no other) were in the custody of the individual who used them. The citizens had not only the right, but the duty to bear arms, and these were furnished by the government. This cast an entirely different aspect over the case.

IT IS true that the Swiss children on the whole, are far better constituted physically than we have. They leave school than ours are, but no Swiss would dream of attributing the cause of this to the handling of a shooting iron. Too much of that means crooked shoulders, not straight ones. It is the splendid system of gymnastic and calisthenic instruction given both in public schools and in the Workers' Gymnastic Societies that brings these results. Furthermore, these exercises are such that the co-operative spirit is not hampered, but is carefully nurtured and developed.

The card-deck child, physically as well as mentally, has long been recognized as the prime duty of the State, and the fact quoted by The Tribune's correspondent that "less than four out of each hundred show any physical defects at the time of leaving school" is directly traceable to this cause, and to the whole line of social legislation, and not to any "Present arms—shoulder arms" tommyrot. When this country catches up with little Switzerland on the matter of social legislation and co-operative ideals, we, as a people, will be strong enough to withstand any foe.

The great need of this country is not a caste-ridden "superior" military force. Even assuming that our nation were in grave peril of invasion on every hand, the autocratic method of the military officers, or officers from among the few would never save us. The real fighters that have on several occasions saved our country were not the products of the war college, they were the farmers who took their flintlocks down from over the mantel and went forth to whip their weight in wild-eats. Only in a sturdy, healthy, free working class, trained, not in soul-destroying drill and "discipline", but in straight shooting and sturdy marching and working, can help this country should war ever come to its shores. Such a force, officered by men of its own selection from its own ranks, will prove an unvanquishable guardian of our homes and our liberties. The best form of "preparedness" is a free working class in control of their own lives, of their government and of all its functions.

Stimulated immigration is going to be fought in South America, and the Socialists are taking the lead. In the Argentine Republic the Socialist party submitted—thru its representative, Dickmann—a bill to Parliament which is to abolish all artificial promotion of immigration. In connection with the bill, stress is laid on the fact that immigration is only to be stimulated by good wages and conditions, as well as by a fair possibility of land being acquired by the farmers. Similar moves will be made in other States in which Socialists are in the Parliaments. The Socialists charge that capitalists are deliberately luring immigrants into South American countries in order to increase competition among workers and to depress wages.

## FLOUR AND BEANS By ADOLPH GERMER.

How much of these food stuffs are you willing to supply? If enough Flour and Beans can be furnished, the striking Metal Miners of the Morenci-Arizona field will win out.

There are approximately 20,000 human beings involved, including women and children.

To keep flour and beans away from them is the hope of the Phelps-Dodge interests. It is up to you to say whether the hopes of plutocracy shall be realized.

Unlike Colorado, Governor Hunt of Arizona refuses to use the troops to shoot down the strikers and protect imported strike breakers.

When I met him in Phoenix he was emphatic in his statement that as long as he is Governor Arizona shall have no Ludlow or Wolsenburg. His sympathies are with the strikers who were driven to revolt thru impositions of the mining companies. He knows the cause of the strikers is a just one.

The strikers are standing firm and will hold out to a victorious end if the barest needs are furnished them. For months they virtually lived on flour and beans and will continue to do so in order to win.

The business element, except that directly connected with the mining companies, are with the strikers and have helped them to the limits of their ability. But their ability is limited, so you must take a hand and come to the rescue unless you are willing to see men, women and children who are struggling for justice go down to defeat and surrender to the industrial overlords.

You can say whether those loyal souls shall win or whether they shall be driven back to their bondage.

Send all contributions to Walter Lanskieski, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago.

## Socialism and Incentive By WILLIS ANDREWS.

Many thousands of men thruout the United States are preparing to stand examination for government service in the postoffice department. Most of these men have passed the illusory period of life and are now facing the grim realities of existence. As youths they were taught that industry, temperance and frugality would bring wealth and plenty as rewards. But their experiences have given the lie to all such false promises.

It matters not how many may pass the examination, there will not be available positions for more than one out of every hundred. So the ninety and nine will be compelled to face conditions from which they are so anxious to escape. A goodly number of them have already tried the business route to riches, but have met the fate of 96 per cent of all business ventures—failure. For many years the small margin of profits allowed on trust-made goods soon force would-be merchant princes to the wall.

And now to escape these conditions they are seeking government positions. They are more than willing to relinquish all hope of worldly success that capitalism offers for the certainty of livelihood in the government service. They fully realize that these postoffice positions will never bring them great wealth, a chateau in France nor yachts and a million by the sea. But they do know that a government position offers them security in the means of life, good food, housing and clothing, and the added graces that music, art and literature lend to the home. And to be certain of these things is a more alluring offered by commercial institutions that are constantly verging on bankruptcy.

Under socialism all industries will be operated co-operatively by the government in the interest of the whole people, giving everybody opportunity to labor and absolute security in the means of life. And how much better it will be for all to have plenty than for a few thimble-rigging stock manipulators to pile up millions, while the workers who produce the wealth of the world live in poverty and want.

### USING THE MAIL BOXES.

R. C. Judy, of Germantown, Ohio, writes to state that the postmaster of his city has informed him that it is against the postal rules to place papers in rural mail boxes without a one cent stamp attached. The postmaster is mistaken. The postal department has no jurisdiction over mail boxes. We have received a statement from the postal department declaring that the mail boxes are the private property of the owners. Of course the mail boxes should not be stuffed with literature so that they cannot be used for the mails.

A letter has been sent to the Russian government by the five Socialist members of Parliament who were banished to Siberia for being under suspicion of conspiracy to end the war in which it is stated that they are slowly dying of starvation. The daily stipend that they had been allowed with which to obtain food has been withdrawn, and they are meeting with the most inhumane treatment from the brutal guards. Soon these men will be heard from no more and another tragedy will have been added to the long list that stand to the credit of the holy murderers who govern Russia.











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### ANOTHER NEW YEAR.

This week we start another year. This is going to be the biggest year for Socialism in the United States and throughout the world. It is going to be a big year for the American Socialist. Saturday, Jan. 1, greets us with another increase in the circulation figures. It is not a very big gain. But the big gains are coming soon.

The "ons" this week outnumber the "offs" to the tune of 114 strong and lusty new subs. That carries our circulation up to 41,103. We want to keep it going up. Start the new year by sending in a new sub. Then repeat this every week during the year. That will make for a strong paper and a strong movement to combat the enemy in November.

### ROLL OF HONOR

F. A. LAMBRECH, Erie, Pa., sends in a club of four and says it is the first of its kind in the city.

W. S. CRATER announces that he is planning to open the Progressive Era at 405 E. 12th St., Kansas City, Mo., and that he will have Socialist papers and literature for sale. We hope he works up a big business.

O. H. RUDOLPH, San Marcel, N. Mex., sends in a list of nine of our plan to give one of the Socialist Party Campaign Book with every year's sub at 60 cents. Get a list of your sub and a bunch of campaign books to help sell up a big vote in November.

OTTO AROLA, Virginia, Minn., sends in a list of 12 from the Minnesota Iron country.

We are sending one of our souvenir pennants to H. B. COOPER, at Cristobal, the Canal Zone, Panama, as a reward for the list of seven sub he has just sent in.

A list of eight sub comes from THOMAS CARDS, Glen Falls, N. Y.

EDMUND FRANCH, East St. Louis, Ill., sends in a list of six sub and gets one of our souvenir pennants.

W. J. HENRY, Peoria, Alaska, sends in a welcome list of nine sub from Uncle Sam's far northern possession.

"Excel to send you a list of sub in the 'new future', writes J. C. HOGAN, Monroe, N. Y. I will be ready to take care of them, Comrade."

Another souvenir pennant goes to EDWARD MILLER, Clinton, Ind. He sent in a list of six.

WALTON WILSON, Cloquet, Minn., sends in a list of 17 sub and gets one of our souvenir pennants.

Just as we are going to press a "Merry New Year" and a list of nine sub came hailing in from K. NEUGEBAUER, Ansonia, Conn. "I am glad to see our Paper gaining and getting better," writes J. R. ALLISON, Hughes Springs, Texas. "Hope it will continue to gain and get better." We hope so, too.

JOSEPH TIMMITY, Lincoln, Ill., comes in with a list of 20 sub, for which we gladly send him our souvenir pennant and The American Socialist's knife.

"I am on the firing line continuously," says Comrade B. F. STREET, Williford, Ark. "I am 22 years young and have been enlisted for 16 years for the emancipation of all industrial slaves, myself included." He sends in a club of four to help in the struggle.

"I am enclosing \$1 for which please send me a bundle of four copies of The American Socialist for one year. I am already taking two copies, but they are not enough," writes J. B. DUTCHER, Long Beach, Cal. Does anybody else feel the same way about it?

"Mar The American Socialist and its boosters prosper during 1916," writes Frederick C. Swanson, of the same old land, the Canal Zone at Panama. He sent a beautiful card wishing all The American Socialist boosters a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

THE HENRY DUBBS.

H. HARRY JAMES STUTZLEN.

The Henry Dubbs are on our fair land. As Ryan Walker said to stand. Have not enough of sense to stand. Up for their rights, which "goodness knows" are just as plain as "plain can be." If they had brains enough to see.

To raise them needs a stick or axe. And wisdom and patience needs a tax. They are a detriment to man.

Their "holding out" keeps back the man.

That Socialism spreads across; And causes needless time be lost.

Oh Henry Dubbs you are so dense. Your ignorance is "most immense." You think your friend is "Capital." And over you they've cast a spell. That time alone will raise a rattle.

You do awake, then act like "Men."

The Nashville, Tenn., police chief differs from the usual run of his colleagues. One Sunday, the Socialist local was surprised to receive a visit from Chief of Police Bartlett. He did not attend the meeting to read the riot act or to search the premises for concealed bombs. Instead, the chief mounted the platform and gave quite a lengthy talk to the audience. He said his opinions concerning Socialism had materially changed since giving some serious study to the subject. The more he learned of Socialism the more favorably impressed he became. The chief said he had never heard of any valid objections to the principles advocated by the Socialists.

H. Scott Bennett, the well known Socialist from Australia, who met with a big reception on the Pacific Coast, is now ready to fill dates in states between Chicago and New York City. Apply to the National Office, Socialist Party, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago.

## Socialism in Canada, Hit by War Madness, Is Fighting On

NOTE.—The Socialist movement in Canada has almost been smothered by the war craze. It is an indication of what may happen to the Socialist movement in the United States if the insane militarists are not met and routed. The Forward, official organ of the Canadian Socialists, is having a hard time weathering the storm. In this article, A. W. Mance, editor of The Forward, tells what is going on across our northern border.

By A. W. MANCE.

GEOGRAPHICALLY, Canada extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, and from the northern border of the United States to the North Pole. The St. Lawrence River and chain of Great Lakes give it a continual commercial waterway into the interior to the head of Lake Superior, a distance of over 2,000 miles. Besides this, Canada is now crossed from east to west by three great transcontinental railway systems, which have opened to capitalist exploitation the tremendous resources of half a continent.

Canada is in every sense the land of magnificent distances and illimitable resources and opportunities. It has an area (including the Yukon and Northwest Territories) of about three and one-half million square miles, and is easily capable of supporting in comfort a population of one hundred million people.

The present population is about seven and one-half million. Of this number, nearly two million are Canadian French, located mostly in the Province of Quebec where they continue to speak the French language and live under religious and political institutions of French origin. Besides this French-speaking population, there are some six hundred thousand recently arrived emigrants from other European countries than the British Isles. These emigrants have been attracted to Canada by the large demand for common labor, during the past years, owing to the unprecedented railroad construction and development, and the opportunity to get cheap lands along the new railway lines. The balance of the population consists of native Canadians and "British-born" in about even proportion.

Historically, Canada, since it was ceded to the English by the French in 1763, has developed from a few scattered crown colonies into the "great Dominion," consisting of nine provinces and the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Since 1861 it has been the most important of Britain's great self-governing colonies, and is fast evolving into a "nation." The Dominion government is located at Ottawa. The government consists of a governor-general, appointed by the British government; a parliament, elected by manhood suffrage, on a representative basis according to population, and a senate, the members of which are appointed for life by the political party which happens to be in power when vacancies occur. The functions of the governor-general and senate are largely nominal, and but seldom if ever exercised, except in a social and advisory capacity. They are the political verminiferous appendix of the past and perpetuated largely as ornaments.

Economically and industrially Canada is in a stage of development which produces a vast variety of economic and social conditions in different sections of the country. Many portions of the French districts are almost medieval in their industrial development and live the simple peasant life under the same religious, political and social institutions their ancestors brought with them from France during the seventeenth century. In the western provinces conditions are very similar to those of the middle and western States of the Union.

### Socialism in Canada.

About thirty years ago the modern capitalist world awoke to the fact that Canada offered a most promising field for the operation of high finance and up-to-date capitalist exploitation. Up to that period the ideas and aspirations born in an agricultural country predominated, both politically and socially. Since 1880, the first period of great industrial expansion, the capitalist and industrial element has dominated the entire political and industrial situation, and thus the conditions which cause Socialist thought and activity to spring into existence have been ever-present.

The first Socialist movement in Canada sprang from the general reading of Bellamy's famous book, "Looking Backward." As a result of the discussion and thought engendered by the reading of that work, "Socialist Leagues" sprang up in some of the cities and towns. A weekly newspaper, called "City and Country," which advocated the ideas of Bellamy, had a very wide circulation.

Needless to say, the Socialism discussed and propagated thru these leagues at that time was of a character almost entirely Utopian.

In these Socialist Leagues, inspired by their splendid Utopian vision, thousands of Canadians now of middle age and growing old received their first idea of Socialism.

Here and there from time to time a few men with a queer Socialist doctrine from the United States or the British Isles appeared. They spoke of Scientific Socialism, Economic Determinism, the Class Struggle, Working Class Mission, Internationalism, etc., etc., in ad infinitum. Thus the peaceful, beautiful atmosphere of the middle-class Socialist dreamers who made up the Socialist Leagues was gradually shattered, and modern Socialist thought and viewpoint gradually undermined and succeeded the Bel-

any land or nation under any circumstances.

With one or two exceptions our prominent Canadian Socialists have courageously defied the beast of war and militarism and continued to spread the Socialist propaganda and educational message in the midst of the beating of drums and the tramp of war-mad hosts.

### After the War.

It is too early to attempt to predict what will be the ultimate effect of the war on the Canadian Socialist movement, but everything now indicates that when it is over the social and industrial ground will be so plowed and harrowed that it will be in a splendid condition to receive the Socialist message. It is now generally conceded by students of political, economic and social conditions that State "Socialism" in some form is the only thing that can save the country from a condition of financial and industrial anarchy. Everything social, political and industrial, and even religious (for Canada, be it known, is the most religious country in the world outside of Russia), is in the melting pot.

The final outcome of the war and the length of its endurance is the factor which will largely determine the position of the Canadian Socialist movement, but everything now indicates that when the war is over, and the Canadian people face the certain hideous aftermath of the great debacle of blood and "patriotism."

Thinly scattered thruout cities and towns in the mining camps, on the prairie farms there are a few thousand Socialists intelligently watching the melting process, who can be depended on to arouse the exploited toilers to take advantage of every opportunity to enlighten and strengthen the political and economic position of the Canadian workers and working farmers, whom modern international capitalism is skinning as close as toilers were ever skinned in any land.

### Faces Great Opportunity.

Canada is a country of wonderful undeveloped resources and possibilities. But unless the working population wakes up to the real situation without delay, the last timber limit, mining region and agricultural section will be capitalized and the present and future population for generations to come will inherit, not the glorious possibilities that Canada offers as a home for free men and free women and happy children, but instead will inherit the wage slaves' and exploited farmers' portion of 25 per cent of the wealth they produce.

The Socialist movement of Canada, though young and comparatively small, is virile, hopeful and courageous. But it will be compelled to do battle in a land where there is no breath of radicalism such as is found in most industrial countries. The orthodox churches (both Protestant and Catholic) and the public press and schools of Canada are absolutely dominated by big capitalist interests to an extent unknown anywhere else.

What the near future has in store for Socialism in Canada it would be rash to predict at this time. Those of us who have vision and understanding as the result of the study of the Socialist philosophy may be depended upon to contribute our best to the cause of Socialism, which we fully realize is destined in the end to free humanity and make this old world a fit habitation for sane human beings to live a life worth while.

Canadian Socialists rejoice with you in the United States because of the splendid progress the movement is making there. We fully expect that the results of the work that you are now doing will flow across the four-thousand-mile border to the west, and give place to the usual and natural hospitality inherent in the Canadian people.

AN EPOCH MAKING REPORT.

At no time in the history of the labor movement in America has there been such wide spread interest in a government investigation as is now being evinced in the report and conclusions of the Commission on Industrial Relations, of which Frank P. Walsh, of Kansas City, Mo., was Chairman. Washington is being besieged with countless thousands of requests for copies of this report. The first edition published by the government has already been exhausted and efforts are now being made to have congress appropriate money to have its circulation meet the extraordinary demand.

To meet the demand for a digest of the facts contained in this epoch making report, a vest pocket edition, compiled by Fred D. Warren, with a foreword by Frank P. Walsh, is being published by The People's College, Fort Scott, Kansas. All of the vital facts contained in the Commission's Report are to be found in this little book. The language of the report remains unchanged in this digest. A quick finding any fact of particular interest. The book sells for twenty-five cents.

## THE STORY CORNER

NOTE.—In this column there is traced, from week to week, the development of a typical Young People's Socialist League. The successes and failures are mirrored here and the chances are that you will find some of your own here set forth. Each installment is practically complete in itself, but it is advisable to follow the story regularly.

GATHERING IN THE SUCCESS.

THE AFFAIR was a success, that everyone knew. Yet how much of a success? That was a question yet to be answered.

When the committee got together to settle up they found on their hands a tangled thread of accounts, some bills to pay, quite a little money with which to pay them, and even more standing over. Some effort had been made to get all people to settle for their tickets on or before the night of the affair, yet they had not been successful in enforcing this good resolve. They had mailed out tickets to all the Socialists and sympathizers whose names they could get, and they were quite sure that some of those tickets had been used. There remained the problem of getting the money from them.

The only thing to do was to get out after it. The city was divided into districts, and one "captain" was selected to take charge of each district. Each member of the league was then enlisted on the collecting squad and, by dividing up the work in this way, in charge of responsible comrades, the task became far smaller than had been first imagined.

A letter requesting settlement was first sent to each person who had received tickets and who had not paid for them. In this letter was also the suggestion that a Comrade would call during the following week, and a request that the money be tickets be either settled before that time, or else the most convenient night soon after which they could receive a member of the Committee. A surprising number of settlements were received in this way, and the committee had no trouble in getting settlements from the vast majority of those visited.

THERE WAS another result of the affair, they found a large number of names of prospective members on their hands. Each young fellow or girl when they came into the big hall, had been given a fancy little souvenir called a "Remembrance Card." This neat little bit of paste-board was perforated down the center, it expressed a word of welcome and suggested that the recipient keep one half of the card, (which contained the time and place of the League's meeting) and the other half to bring to the National Office, and that you should feel the need of YOUR interest and help in its work. A happy and a busy New Year to you all.

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ORGANIZATION.

Oakland, Cal., has finally decided to join the National Y. P. S. L. and pledges its hearty support to all its work.

A call for dates for the Kruse lecture tour will go out immediately after the new year. The tour will take in only the Eastern States, and will begin about the middle of April. The number of dates is strictly limited so immediate action should be taken on receipt of the particulars.

Every member of the National Executive Committee expressed his hearty endorsement of the work now being done by the Y. P. S. L., and all look to the coming year to bring even greater progress and growth to it. If the Leagues will all do their share as most of them have in the past year, we will go ahead with leaps and bounds. Remember, this is your National Office, and that you should feel the need of YOUR interest and help in its work. A happy and a busy New Year to you all.

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EVOLUTION OF BANKING

THE POSITION of the Socialists on the Money Question is outlined in the following extracts:

From the COMMUNIST MANIFESTO of 1848.

Demand 5. Centralization of credit in the hands of the State, by means of a national bank with State capital and an exclusive monopoly.

From the Platform of the SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY, NEW YORK, 1884.

Demand 5. The Government shall issue all money, and such right shall not be delegated to any banking or other private corporation.

From the SOCIALIST PARTY Platform adopted by membership referendum, May, 1903.

The Government shall also loan money to states and municipalities without interest for the purpose of carrying on public works.

From the SOCIALIST PARTY Platform adopted by membership referendum, May, 1912.

No. 6. The collective ownership and democratic management of the banking and currency system.

The Government also to establish employment bureaus; TO LEND MONEY TO STATES AND MUNICIPALITIES WITHOUT INTEREST FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING ON PUBLIC WORKS, and to take such other measures within its power as will lessen the widespread misery of the workers caused by the misrule of the capitalist class.

There has been no discussion with the party on this subject and the comrades are not informed as they should be. The National Committee will undoubtedly be entrusted with the responsibility of formulating the platform of the party for 1916—and submit it to a referendum vote. It will contain a financial plank in harmony with the above submitted by the Committee on Banking, Bank Credit, Currency and Money System of the United States.

Comrade Robert H. Howe, a member of the Committee has written a book "The Evolution of Banking," which every member of the party should read in order to discuss the subject

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